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LB 572

17 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: The amendment is not successful. I raise the call.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bourne would move to amend with AM2097. (Legislative Journal page 2036.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Bourne, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. Speakers...or Mr. Speaker, members, excuse me. This is basically a technical amendment that just clarifies the language in LB 572, and it does it in two places. On page 7, the paragraph beginning on line 18, (3), it says, "It shall be unlawful for any person (a) to affix a Nebraska," we add the word "Nebraska," "stamp to a package or other container of cigarettes of a tobacco product manufacturer or brand family not included in this directory or (b) to sell, offer, or possess for sale in this state cigarettes of a tobacco product manufacturer or brand family," and the new language is, "intended for sale in this state not included in the directory." So what this does is clarify that a person, a distributor in Nebraska who sells cigarettes to other states can actually have...it clarifies that it would be limited to Nebraska stamps, to affix Nebraska stamps. So if this manufacturer or, excuse me, if this wholesaler is...has cigarettes that he's sending...he or she is sending to Iowa, they could have them. Again, it clarifies it. Then also on page 11 it simply adds the words, on line 23, "It is unlawful for a person to (a) sell or distribute cigarettes for sale in this state or," and then the existing language in the bill. So again, it's a clarification so that wholesalers who distribute to more than one state can have other states or non-Nebraska stamped cigarettes in their possession. That's it. That's the amendment in a nutshell. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Bourne. You've heard the opening. Senator Jensen, on the Bourne amendment.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the